
Introduced by Senator McClintock

February 3, 2005

An act to add Section 1326.5 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment compensation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 146, as introduced, McClintock. Unemployment Compensation: Addresses

Existing unemployment insurance law requires the Employment Development Department to pay unemployment compensation benefits to unemployed individuals.

This bill would require that the department take reasonable steps to verify eligible claims before payments are mailed on any new claims, as provided.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1326.5 is added to the Unemployment
- 2 Insurance Code, to read:
- 3 1326.5. (a) In order to deter fraud by the filing of fraudulent
- 4 claims, the department shall take reasonable steps to verify
- 5 eligible claims before payments are mailed on any new claims
- 6 and to ensure the integrity of this division, including, but not
- 7 limited to, all of the following:
- 8 (1) Obtaining a claimant's residence address, in addition to a
- 9 mailing address.

1 (2) Verifying the identity of the individual filing the claim
2 with all prior employers of record with the department whenever
3 there is a question concerning the individual's identity.
4 (3) Verifying the address of all last employers by an
5 automated system that the department maintains of all employers.
6 (b) The department shall upgrade its computer system for the
7 purpose of the expeditious payment of eligible claims and fraud
8 detection by using federal funds provided for that purpose
9 pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 1103 of Title 42 of the
10 United States Code.